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SUBJECT: LOS MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY

REF: JAKARTA 11695

1. APPARENT DECISION ON LATEST LETTER FROM SECRETARY ON LOS
WAS TO FORWARD IT TO INDONESIAN DELEGATION FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
AND/OR ACTION.

2. MRS. WIRJOSAPUTRO, SECRETARY TO THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL,
POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TELEPHONED ME SEPT. 7 TO SAY THAT MINISTER MALIK
HAD ASKED HER TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE TO MOCHTAR AND THAT FURTHER RECOM-
MENDATIONS AND ACTION ON INDONESIAN POSITION WOULD BE UP TO
HIM.

3. I EXPLAINED TO HER THAT IN WRITING DIRECTLY TO
FOREIGN MINISTER, SECRETARY MAY HAVE HAD IN MIND THAT
INDONESIAN POSITION ON SUCH MATTERS AS SEABED MIGHT REQUIRE
CONSULTATIONS WITHIN INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT. THIS WAS
OBVIOUSLY IMPORTANT MATTER ON WHICH TOTAL SUCCESS OF
CONFERENCE MAY HINGE AND WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO INDONESIA'S
DECISION.

4. MRS. WIRJOSAPUTRO SAID THAT INDONESIA DID NOT DISAGREE
WITH U.S. POSITION BUT THAT AS MEMBER OF GROUP OF 77 IT
NEEDED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS ACTIONS IN NEW YORK
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VIEWS OF OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP.

5. SHE SAID SHE PRESUMED THAT U.S. DELEGATION WOULD BE DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH MINISTER MOCHTAR. ACCORDING TO HER, MOCHTAR IS REMAINING IN NEW YORK UNTIL SEPT. 20.

6. COMMENT: WHILE ONE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT BOTH SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE AND EXPLOITATION OF SEABEDS WOULD BE MATTERS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO INDONESIA, I FEAR THAT GOI TENDENCY IS TO CONCENTRATE ON ARCHIPELAGO AND RELATED ISSUES AND FOLLOW PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE TO G-77 ON ALL OTHERS. THERE MAY ALSO BE ELEMENT OF RELUCTANCE ON MALIK'S PART TO INTERVENE TOO STRONGLY ON SUBJECT ASSIGNED TO MOCHTAR BY PRESIDENT SUHARTO.
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